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LOCAL

A Happy New Year.

Talk to Ross. Columbia County Bank. Miss Beryl Muckle is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheldou spent New Year's Day in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Laws and children spent Christmas with relatives at Rainier.

Mr. Claude Jones and daughter Fay, of Clendon, are visiting relatives in St. Helens.

Miss Lulu George returned Monday evening from a several days visit with relatives in Portland.

Percy George and wife spent a few days this week with Mr. George's parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Quick spent Christmas week with Mrs. Quick's parents at Dallas, Polk County.

Mrs. M. Richardson, of Portland, is visiting her son, D. W. Richardson, of this place.

County Court is in session as we go to press. The full proceedings will be published in the Mist.

District No. 8 has levied a five-mill special road tax and proposes to construct about \$4,000 worth of crushed rock road.

G. O. VanNatta, a prominent business man of Ashland, spent the holidays with the family of his son, J. W. VanNatta, of Warren.

Columbia County will pay state taxes to the amount of \$12,190, or a little over \$130 more than last year. As our valuation has been crebbed the average tax payer will pay less than last year.

For Sale Cheap—One Dayton computing scale with turntable, one grocers coffee mill, one cheese box and knife, one sixty gallon oil tank and pump, one dozen square candy jars. Inquire of L. Swett, Rainier, Ore.

Rather Hart, daughter of Charles R. and Marie Hart and granddaughter of Mr. Jam a Bacon, of Warren, died at Portland on Wednesday last and will be buried at Warren tomorrow (Saturday), funeral services being held at the Warren M. E. church at 11 a. m.

A letter from Mist, postmarked December 24th, was received at this office December 25th. The Clatskanie post mark is too dim to be read. We don't like to kick, but it seems as if three days was rather slow time from the Nehalem valley to the county seat.

Mr. Fred Vivien, of Columbia City, is at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland, suffering from partial paralysis. Mr. Vivien is a member of St. Helens lodge A. F. and A. M., and it would doubtless please him to have any of his brothers from Columbia County give him a call.

The All-Oregon Fruit Show takes place in Portland on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14th and 15th. The judging will be done by a government officer of repute. As a trust that Columbia county will be represented with at least an exhibit of her Northern Spy apples.

The special services at the M. E. church in this city last Sunday were well attended. The musical program by the choir was unusually good and Rev. Sleeth's sermon was a masterly plea for Christianity. There were also services at the Episcopal church.

Dolph Houghshick, and Earl Silva, of Rainier, were St. Helens visitors last Monday, and made the editor a short call. They are both O. A. C. students and are enjoying a holiday vacation.

Miss Anna J. Ketel and Miss Ella Ketel, who are teachers in the Warren and Hudson schools are spending the holiday vacation with their parents in St. Helens.

Joseph Scott, of Sauces Island, died on Saturday last of ptomaine poisoning, after a sickness of about four days. He had been to Portland, and it is thought the poison was taken in some restaurant where he had been eating. Dr. Cliff worked night and day to fight off the poison, but all his efforts were unavailing.

The Mist celebrates the advent of the new year by appearing in a larger and more convenient form, making it the largest, cheapest, best, and most generally read paper published in Columbia County. It has been in existence for twenty-six years and has published the obituary notices of a number of its more or less esteemed contemporaries. The present editor owned it when it was the only paper published in this county or on the Columbia river between Portland and Astoria. It does not seem so very long ago, and yet the changes that have taken place are nothing less than wonderful. Portland was then an ill-kept country village, with a bob-tailed street car system, no electric lights, and about as good streets as Rainier has to-day. Vessels coming up the Columbia river made it a point to stop at the St. Helens bar. Now Portland is a great city, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and it would be foolhardy for anyone to attempt to place a limit upon her growth or commercial greatness. Columbia County in those days had a population of probably twenty-five hundred. Now it has over ten thousand. St. Helens was then the principal town and the sawmill at this place, with an output of possibly fifteen thousand feet per day, the main manufacturing establishment. Now there are about thirty mills, capable of turning out about a million feet of lumber daily. In those days the slow going ox teams hauled the logs to the creek beds over the skids, and there they rested until the freshet took them to the river. Now there are millions of dollars invested in camps and logging roads, and the long horned steer and his loud-mouthed driver have given way to the Baldwin locomotive and the skilled mechanic. In those good old days you could have bought the townsite of Rainier for less than you would have to pay now for a single mile site, and the thriving city of Clatskanie, with its bank, business houses, electric lights and waterworks can barely be said to have been upon the map. Houlton was not in existence, and the big timber upon the Seappoose strip, as a rule, came down to within a short distance of the bay. A "cow was a cow" in those good old days and nobody cared a hang for its pedigree. Now nearly every farmer has a fullblood of some wellknown strain and the fame of Columbia County's dairy herds has been maintained in competition with the best herds of the United States. In many other ways Columbia County has progressed—in its schools, its churches and its social life. The Mist believes it has been a humble factor in this progress, and that it may be able to increase its usefulness and spread the knowledge of Columbia County's great resources, it solicits your support and assistance.

DIED—At her home in Portland, on December 28th, Mrs. Ada Allen Holcomb, mother of Mrs. W. B. Dillard of this city, aged 50 years, nine months and eleven days. The funeral took place on Monday last, interment being in River-view cemetery. Mrs. Dillard was Mrs. Holcomb's only child and, during her last days, she was in almost constant attendance at her mother's bedside. Mrs. Holcomb was a frequent visitor to St. Helens and had many acquaintances in this community.

Mr. George Perry has sold to the Portland hotel during the past month over ninety dollars worth of eggs from his flock of Barred Plymouth Rock hens. The Portland pays Mr. Perry two cents per dozen over the market price for these eggs and takes all he has to sell. Mr. Perry believes the hen, as a money producer, has the cow distanced, though he keeps a few cows and raises a few pigs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mrs. Popejoy of Deer Island, Mr. James Muckle and Mrs. C. David Little of Portland, Mr. Asa Holladay of Seappoose, Mr. D. J. Switzer of Salem, Dean Blanchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Byland, of Rainier, Mrs. Henderson of Woodland, Washington, Mrs. Mollie Fuller of Bachelor Flat, and Mr. S. Sauter of Bachelor Flat were among the out of town attendants at the Masonic joint installation and banquet last Friday night.

Henry R. Nelson and wife of Deep River, Wash., have been visiting Mrs. Nelson's brother, Mr. W. H. Powell, during the past week, and left on Monday for the Nehalem valley, to visit Mrs. Nelson's mother.

Wm. M. Ladd has agreed to pay all the depositors of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., and the German-American Bank is to take over the Oregon Savings Bank. So it appears that nobody is to lose anything and the pessimist alone will be unhappy.

Mr. N. L. Casaday, of the Portland Journal's linotype corps, visited his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark, of this city, this week, spending New Year's Day with them.

Mr. Christopher C. Barker, president of the Peninsula Lumber Company, which has extensive interests in this county, died on board a train on his way to the East.

Anyone having money to loan will do well to communicate with Geo. W. Vogle, of Rainier, as he has several loans that can be made at from one to three years on good first class real estate security. The mortgages bear eight per cent. No expense to person furnishing the money.

I have money to loan on approved real estate security.

W. H. POWELL,
St. Helens, Oregon

The new editor of the Review, in the last issue of that paper, shows considerable enterprise in publishing a very good picture of the St. Helens school house. It surprised us somewhat, however, to read in under it "Rainier's New School House." Rainier has a new school building and an excellent one, but the picture in last week's Review was certainly not it.

Christmas in Columbia County appears to have been very generally observed in both family and church circles. In St. Helens there were numerous tree celebrations in the homes, while quite a number celebrated with relatives in other towns. The merchants report a much larger trade than usual, due no doubt to the fact that they carried better stocks. A number did their shopping at the home stores who hitherto have taken their money to Portland.

I have money to loan on good security.

LEOPOLD DU PONT,

Yankton, Ore.

Mr. Nelson Pinckney, of Carico, is circulating a petition for an initiative act providing that after a law has been passed by the people the Legislature shall have no power to amend it in any particular nor to repeal or modify it. The power to do so to remain exclusively in the legal voters of the State. One of these petitions has been left at this office, where those desiring to do so may sign it.

Rainier's Waterworks

The Water Commissioners of Rainier have just received the specifications from the engineer for the waterworks for this city. They consist of eighteen pages together with seven pages of further instructions to the contractors.

The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

The date for the completion of the work is May 1st, 1908.

Work must begin within ten days from the time bid is accepted by commissioners.

The contractor must furnish bonds to the amount of thirty per cent of the amount of the contract.

All work must be done at the contractor's risk.

The contractor shall forfeit twenty dollars for each day, excepting Sundays, after time of completion of work expires.

The contractor and his sureties will be held responsible for the perfect working of the system for five months after its completion.

There will be 17 hydrants and five plugs, steel pipes and machine banded wooden pipe will be used, and a large reservoir.

The reservoir will hold one million gallons of water.

Wooden pipe must have a tensile strength of 60,000 pounds per square inch.

14496 ft. steel pipe and 9,033.1 ft. wood pipe will be used.

The above will give some idea of the specification. The best material is used in all parts of the work, and when completed, with pipe and fire plugs in all parts of the city, Rainier will have a system second to none in the state.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Interesting Ceremonies and Banquet Last Friday Night.

St. Helens Lodge No. 32, A. F. and A. M., and Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held a joint installation at the Masonic Hall in this city last Friday night; in the presence of about seventy members and invited guests. The installing officers were Mrs. C. H. John for the Stars and W. H. Powell for the Masons. Mr. John acting as Grand Marshal. The work of both orders was well done and elicited high praise from the visitors. After the installation a banquet was spread in the lower hall, by the ladies of the Star, the bill of fare being salads, roast turkey, boiled ham, cakes, ice cream, coffee, chocolate, bananas and oranges with all the accompanying relishes. It was a most decided gastronomical success and reflected great credit upon the stewards, Messrs. Charles Muckle and E. H. Flagg. After the inner men and women had been fully satisfied the newly installed Master, Bro. Asa Holladay, called for short talks and responses were made by a number of the members, including Bros. W. H. Powell, T. C. Watts, Principal Byland, of the Rainier school and others. Strenuous efforts were made to induce some of the ladies to talk but they seemed to prefer to reserve their flow of language for home consumption. To the regret of all, Hon. Dean Blanchard, Master of the Rainier Lodge, who was one of the visitors, was compelled by a slight indisposition to leave for home during the installation ceremonies.

ROAD MEETING.

The Taxpayers of District No. 3 Levy a Special Tax of 1 1-2 Mills.

Pursuant to a call the taxpayers of Road District No. 3 met at the county court rooms on Saturday last at 2 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Faxon and Mr. Harrison was elected secretary.

The following, on the motion of Dr. H. R. Cliff, was adopted as the sense of the meeting:

That there be a one and one half mill tax levied on the property of the district, to be expended as follows, all work to be done by contract:

The sum of \$2,000 to be expended on what is known as the Bachelor Flat road, commencing at Mrs. Bakers at the junction of the said road with the main road at Houlton, and extending to the juncture of said road at the Nelson place.

The sum of \$500 to be used on what is known as the "Millard road," commencing at the Northern Pacific crossing and continuing west to the junction with the Bachelor Flat road.

The sum of \$300 to be expended from the Watters house at St. Helens west to the Matthews hotel at Houlton.

The sum of \$500 to be expended upon the road from Nigger creek to the railroad crossing known as Meeker's crossing.

Meeting adjourned.

KIST

Frank Wilson visited Nehalem people during the holidays.

Born—To the wife of Gus Hult, on December 25th, a baby girl. [Christmas gift.]

T. K. and E. B. North and Tom Anderson have ordered phones, which are now at Buxton.

Road districts Nos. 15 and 17 each voted a three-mill tax. The committee for road district No. 17 laid out 471 rods to be graded and graveled.

Mrs. Weed is on the sick list.

There is about two inches of snow here at this time—Tuesday morning.

Christmas passed off very quietly here. There was an entertainment at Beaver school house and several trees at private houses.

Syrup of White Pine and Tar, the old reliable cough remedy. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

RAINIER

The school meeting was held a week ago last Saturday. It was entirely omitted from the issue of our last issue. Mr. A. L. Ed- dent of the board, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. After the session a motion was made and carried at a four mill tax be levied for the coming year. The question was then asked to whether the teachers should be paid for the time school was closed for two weeks on account of the storm at short time ago. Mr. Thos. Byland, at some length, and advised that the teachers be not hastily dismissed, but that it was no fault of the teachers they did not teach at that time. He believed they ought to be paid for that time. Prof. Byland told the board that if the children were not for graduation at the proper time, he would be willing to teach gratis. At no time might be needed to get them through the term. The matter was put to a vote and carried that the teachers be not allowed to be suspended.

The audacity and nerve of the patient medicine fakir who attempted to advertise his wares under the guise of religion last Sunday morning at the M. E. church, was the all absorbing topic on the streets last Monday. A fairly well dressed middle aged man at ended services, and just before the congregation was dismissed asked to say a few words. Permission was given and the stranger eulogized the sermon, and gave a very fine Christian experience, which had undoubtedly been given by the fakir on many former occasions. His last words were "I have been a Christian for thirty four years, and for seventeen years I suffered from rheumatism, but now thank the Lord I am cured, and if any one here or your friends are sufferers, call at room No. 4, Lee's hotel, and I will cure you." The audience was so dumbfounded that they sat aghast at the glaring audacity of the fakir. Not so, however, with the minister. Rev. Fry immediately arose from his seat and in his quiet way said: "The peculiar incident which we have just witnessed reminds me of a story," and then repeated the following: Hark! the herald angels sing, Beecham's pills are just the thing. Peace on earth and mercy mild, Two for man and one for child. The storm of applause that greeted this spontaneous, quick, and to the fakir, withering reply, has seldom if ever been heard in the church before. Dr. Forbes is said to be the most apt minister in the church when it is necessary to say something quick at the right time. but he wouldn't be deuce high, if pitted against Rev. Fry.

The following table, taken from the records of the Registrar's office, shows that the students of the University of Oregon come from practically every county in the state. There are now in attendance in the department at Eugene, exclusive of music, 400 students, which is the largest body of students of college rank enrolled in any institution in Oregon. That they are not from the homes of the rich is shown by the fact that nearly 70 of them are either wholly or partially earning their own way. Most of them are registered from the smaller cities of the state that support good high schools. The following counties are represented: Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

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